

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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1. A mobile communication terminal  
comprising:

timer means for detecting the time when  
a call incoming signal including a caller number  
10 is received from an originating terminal;

caller number storage means for storing  
control codes in relation to expected caller  
numbers, the control codes being used to switch  
between different modes of operation of the mobile  
15 communication terminal;

answer message storage means for storing  
messages to be returned to a caller; and

answer message selecting means referring  
to said caller number storage means so as to  
20 determine whether the caller number included in  
the incoming call signal is registered in said  
caller number storage means, reading from said  
caller number storage means the control code  
associated with the caller number, and selecting  
25 an answer message stored in said answer message  
storage means based on the caller number, the  
control code and the time of call detected by said  
timer means.

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2. The mobile communication terminal according to claim 1, wherein said caller number storage means stores caller numbers, caller names corresponding to the caller numbers and time-dependent switching codes in relation to each other, the time-dependent control codes designating callers for whom answer messages are switched depending on a time zone in which the call is made.

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3. The mobile communication terminal according to claim 1, wherein said caller number storage means stores caller numbers, caller names corresponding to the caller numbers and forced alert codes in relation to each other, the forced alert code designating callers triggering a forced alert option for alerting a user of the mobile communication terminal of an incoming call even when an answering mode is activated.

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4. The mobile communication terminal according to claim 1, wherein said caller number storage means stores caller numbers, caller names corresponding to the caller numbers and locked

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dialing codes in relation to each other, the  
locked dialing codes designating callers  
authorized to set up a locked dialing option in  
the mobile communication terminal from a calling  
5 terminal.

10 5. The mobile communication terminal  
according to claim 1, wherein said caller number  
storage means stores caller numbers, caller names  
corresponding to the caller numbers and voice mail  
codes in relation to each other, the voice mail  
15 codes designating callers authorized to set up a  
voice mail option in the mobile communication  
terminal from a calling terminal.

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